# CASE NO.

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MR. STAMETS: We'll call next the Case

MR. PEARCE: Application of Harvey E.

Yates Company for a tight formation, Chaves County, New Mexico.

MR. STRAND: Mr. Examiner, Robert H. Strand, Attorney, from Roswell, New Mexico, appearing for the applicant, and I have two witnesses who need to be sworn.

(Witnesses sworn.)

MR. STRAND: Mr. Examiner, in this case Harvey E. Yates Company is requesting the Oil Conservation Division to enter an order recommending to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that an interval we will refer to as the Atoka-Morrow formation underlying certain lands in Chaves County, New Mexico, be designated a tight formation pursuant to Section 107 c. the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978, and the applicable regulations.

Mr. Examiner, in the application that was filed, the applicant requested designation of an area of 161,280 acres. Due to an error on my part in -- in preparing the application, we included approximately 23,040 acres that shouldn't have been there, and I would like to ask that that

2 be deleted.

And those lands are as follows: In fownship 7 South, Range 31 East, Sections 22 through 27, and 34 through 36.

In Township 8 South, Range 31 East, Sections 1 through 3, Sections 10 through 15, Sections 22 through 27, and Sections 34 through 36.

And in Township 9 South, Range 31 East, Sections 1 through 3, and Sections 10 through 15.

What that acreage consists of, Mr. Examiner, is a tier of three sections from top to bottom taken off the east side of the area.

The exhibits, which we will get to here in a moment, have the correct proposed area designated on them.

MR. STAMETS: Okay. We will amend the application to delete this acreage.

MR. STRAND: Mr. Examiner, we submitted our exhibits fifteen days ahead of this hearing date as required by your regulations and the regulations of the Minerals Management Service.

We do have some additional information that's been made available to us, or come available to us, since that time which we would like to submit and I will de-

1 scribe that as we get to it during the testimony. 2 3 ED GROVES being called as a witness and being duly sworn upon his oath, 5 testified as follows, to-wit: 6 DIRECT EXAMINATION 8 BY MR. STRAND: 9 Please state your name. 10 Q. Ed Greves. 11 A. Mr. Groves, where do you reside and by 12 whom are you employed and in what capacity? 13 14 Midland, Texas. I live in Midland, 15 Texas. I'm employed as a Chief Geologist by Harvey E. Yates 16 Company. 17 Mr. Groves, have you testified before Q. 18 the Division in the past and are your qualifications a matter 19 of record? 20 Yes, they are. A. 21 MR. STRAND: Mr. Examiner, is Mr. Groves 22 considered qualified as a geologist? 23 MR. STAMETS: Yes. 24 Mr. Groves, are you familiar with the 25 application in this case, 7492?

A. Yes, I am.

Q And have you prepared certain geological exhibits for presentation at this hearing?

A. Yes, sir.

Mr. Groves, would you briefly describe each of these exhibits and their contents and their relation to the application for recommendation of the Atoka-Morrow formation?

A. Exhibit Number One is a location map which shows the boundaries of the proposed tight gas area. It also shows four cross sections that run from north to south, those being A-A', B-B', C-C', and D-D'.

All of the wells which penetrated the Atoka-Morrow section are circled and the type well is -- has a triangle on it, that well being located in Section 2 of 9 South, 29 East.

Exhibit Number Two is a contour map on the top of the Mississippian limestone. This map was made to indicate the structure of this area. We picked this formation since it is the formation immediately underlying the Atoka-Morrow. Also, it is an easy point to pick and can be defined real easily.

This shows that we are in an area of dip to the southwest with varying rates but normally about

200 to 300 feet per mile.

 The Exhibit Number Three is an Isopach map of the Atoka-Morrow interval, and shows that we have a range of thickness from 91 feet in the upper northwest portion of the area to 895 feet in the xtreme southeastern portion.

This Atoka-Morrow section, this might be the best time to describe it a little bit, since we're talking about the thickness, it consists of gray to dark gray shales interbedded with fine-grained quartz sandstone with calcite cement.

Probably deposited in a shallow marine environment with same winnowing by wave action, so you're going to find varying thicknesses around structural highs.

The Morrow section, immediately underlying the Atoka, is a sequence very similar to that in lithology with the exception there are some interbedded light colored and buff colored limestones, very fine crystalline with very little porosity in them.

The Morrow sands are very similar to those that you'll see in the Atoka, being fine, very fine grained, fine grained with calcium cementing materials.

Mr. Groves, are both the Morrow and the Atoka formations present over the entire area that is proposed for designation?

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A. The Atoka covers the entire area. The Atoka-Morrow contact is difficult to define in places; however, I believe that it might be present only in the, say, the eastern half, the Morrow present in the eastern half.

The Atoka will be present over the entire area.

Q Okay.

A The top of the Atoka, the Atoka should be encountered at about 6600 feet in the northwestern portion and to a depth of about 9600 feet in the southeastern. So we're looking at an average depth of the Atoka over the entire area of some \$100 feet.

And, Mr. Groves, the 8100 feet you refer to, that is the depth from the surface to the top --

- A To the top of the Atoka.
- Q -- of the formation?
- A. Yes.

The Exhibit Number Four is an Isolith of the sands within the Atoka-Morrow section; a little bit too interpretive, I'm afraid, but it still has the information we need on it.

We have a thickness of sands in the northwestern portion ranging from 19 feet to the southeastern portion, 187 feet.

Now this is gross sands within the en-

tire interval and, as you can see, they vary very rapidly around some of the structural features that you have noticed on the other sections.

Exhibit Number Five is cross section

A-A'. This runs along the western portion of the area and
to my knowledge, we have all the logs within the area on the
cross section with the exception of two wells in which we
could not obtain logs.

Q Mr. Groves, which two wells are those, if you remember?

A. One of them was a Stevens well in Section 1 of 9 South, 28 East. I've forgotten the designation but I believe it was the -- I don't remember the designation of the well. It was an O'Brien but I've forgotten the number.

The other one was the No. 1 Akman (sic).

I'm sorry, Akman was the operator and I don't know the feet.

That well is located in Section -- the northwest quarter of Section 8, 8 South, 30 East.

Section B-B' is one of the central area cross sections. I would like to call to your attention an error in the heading on the well sixth from the right. It reads to be the Texas Oil and Gas No. 1 O'Brien, Section 11, 9 South, 29 East. That is the No. 1 O'Brien "B" and it's in

1 Section 2. 2 The information at the bottom of the 3 log is right, but we just got it wrong up there at the top. Mr. Groves, for the record, on your 5 cross sections at the top do you show dry holes, completed 6 wells, both gas and oil? 7 The final disposition of all Yes. 8 wells is shown at the top. Also, I might call to your at-9 tention that the top of the Atoka is shown on all cross 10 sections by the dotted line, so that it's easier to identify. 11 Also, these sections are all stratigraphic. They are all 12 13 hung on the top of the Atoka for an easy reference point. MR. STAMETS: You mean the top of the 14 15 Abo? I'm sorry, you're right, top of the 16 A. 17 Abo. 18 Mr. Groves, is the Morrow formation Q. 19 designated separately on your cross sections? 20 No, sir, it isn't. The entire interval 21 of the Atoka and Morrow are shown as one. We have the top of 22 the Atoka designated. We have the top of the Mississippian 23 lime designated. 24 The Atoka-Morrow interval is within 25 those two.

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2	Q. And where the Morrow exists, that would
3	be the base of the Morrow.
4	A. Yes. The Morrow will be where present
5	in contact with the top of the Mississippian lime.
6	Exhibit Number Seven is section C-C'.
7	Here you will notice that the section thickens considerably
8	to the on the righthand side, and this is where we do see
9	some Atoka or some Morrow beginning to be present. We
10	also see a very rapid thickening of the Pennsylvanian above
11	the Atoka.
12	And the final section is D-D', which is
13	located along the eastern portion of the area.
14	Q. Mr. Groves, for the record and for ident
15	ification, that is Exhibit Number Eight?
16	A. Yes, it is.
17	That's all the exhibits that I have.
18	These sections just show the relative position of the Atoka-
19	Morrow in the various wells in the area.
20	Q. Mr. Groves, is it your opinion that the
21	proposed interval, the Atoka-Morrow formation, is at least
22	potentially productive under the entire area proposed for
23	designation?
24	A. Yes, it is.
25	0. Mr. Groves, you referred to the type

2	log in describing your Exhibit Number One. Which well is	
3	the type log taken from?	
4	A. The type log is taken from the No	
5	or Texas Oil and Gas No. 1-B O'Brien, which was shown on	
6	cross section B-B', and wouldn't you know, it's the one we	
7	had to make the correction on, so	
8	Q What is the location of that well for	
9	the record, again?	
10	A. That is in Section 2, 9 South, 29 East.	
11	Q And what are the subsurface depths that	
12	you've picked as comprising the type log for the AtDka-Morrow	
13	formation?	
14	A. All right, in that well?	
15	Q Yes, sir.	
16	A. It would be 8510 to 8800.	
17	Q. Mr. Groves, are you familiar with the	
18	fresh water aquifers which might exist under the area proposed	
19	for designation?	
20	A. Yes. We believe that fresh water will	
21	only be found in the Triassic Sands in this area.	
22	Q. And at what approximate depths would	
23	that be?	
24	A. It would be from 100 to 400 feet through	
25	here.	

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2	Mr. Groves, are you familiar with the
3	rules and policies of the Oil Conservation Division and the
4	Minerals Management Service and other Federal agencies and
5	state agencies relating to protection of fresh water aquifers
6	particularly in regard to casing and cementing programs for
7	wells which might be drilled in the area proposed for desig-
8	nation?
9	A. Yes.
10	Q And do you feel compliance with these
11	rules and regulations would adequately protect these fresh
12	water aquifers from contamination?
13	A. Yes, I believe it will.
14	Q. Mr. Groves, did you prepare Exhibits
15	Number One through Eight or were they prepared under your
16:	supervision?
17	A. Yes, they were.
18	MR. STRAND: Mr. Examiner, I have nothing
19	further on direct.
20	MR. STAMETS: Are there any questions of
21	this witness? He may be excused.

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being called as a witness and being duly sworn upon his oath, testified as follows, to-wit:

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### DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. STRAND:

Q. Please state your name, place of residence, and employment.

A. My name is Ray Nokes. I live in Roswell,
New Mexico, and I work for Harvey E. Yates Company in Roswell.

10 Q. In what capacity are you employed by
11 Harvey E. Yates Company?

A. Reservoir engineer.

13 Q. Mr. Nokes, have you testified before the

14 Division in the past?

A. Yes, sir.

16 Q And are your qualifications a matter of

17 record?

18 A. Yes, sir.

MR. STRAND: Mr. Examiner, is Mr. Nokes

considered qualified as a reservoir engineer?

MR. STAMETS: He is.

Q. Mr. Nokes, are you familiar with the application in Case Number 7492?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Have you prepared exhibits and materials

1 relating to the engineering aspects of this application? 2 3 Yes, sir. And, Mr. Nokes, are the majority of 5 these exhibits, which were submitted in advance, attached to-6 gether as a booklet, so to speak, as Exhibit Number Nine? 7 Yes, sir. 8 With reference to Exhibit Number Nine, Q. 9 Mr. Nokes, and relating to the permeability calculations in 10 the area, will you please describe these calculations and 11 what data they are based on? 12 Yes, sir, I would. A. 13 Before I begin on this, I would like to 14 apologize, due to an oversight, it's no erro. in calculations 15 but as far as symbols and formulas, there was an error on page Íб three of this report and I have typed -- had this corrected. 17 The correction would have been encountered in the formula 18 below the total compressabilities and also in the Darcy's 19 radial flow equation. 20 I'm sorry my secretary didn't notice my 21 "Q" in regards to a "G". She put a "G" on some and a "Q" 22 on others, so I apologize for that, that error. 23 In regards to permeability calculations, 24 the data that was used was taken from DST reports on the

Texas Oil and Gas, the O'Brich B No. 1 type log well, and the

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O'Brien "C" Well No. 1.

tion 2, Township 9 South, Range 29 East, and the production test is indicated on page -- page two of Exhibit Nine, date of October the 4th, 1977. The rate was indicated at 100 Mcf and from this data taken from the DST I was able to calculate not only permeability but stabilized rate at standard conditions, and if you will notice on page three, the permeability was calculated for the O'Brien "B" No. 1 at .081 millidarcy with a radius of investigation during the DST of 23.3 foot, and this was using VanPoolen's equation.

And from this equation I was able to derive from Darcy's radial flow equation what a stabilized rate at atmospheric pressure would be at natural condisions; it would be 231 Mcf per day, which is indicated in that column.

Going back to page two again, the O'Brien "C" Well No. 1, located in Section 11, Township 9

South, Range 29 East, also a DST of July the 16th, 1977 indicated a gas production rate of 112 Mcf and there again from the data that's indicated below I was able to calculate a permeability which is indicated on page three of .0022 m.llidarcy with a radius of investigation during the test of 4.62 foot.

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Also a calculation of flow rate to atmospheric pressure, using Darcy's radial equation, indicated a maximum rate of 19.1 Mcf.

Q. Mr. Nokes, are these the only wells that you analyzed data from for your calculations of permeability and stabilized rate of production against atmospheric pressure?

A. Based on natural completion, yes, or natural rate, I would say.

I did for a matter of record, which is Exhibit Eleven, do a calculation not on a DST but on a build-up off of the Stevens Operating Corporation's, or Stevens Oil and Gas, as it's better known, of the O'Brien "C" -- I believe that should be C-4 No. 1, another error, I apologize, that is located in Section 1, Township 9 South, Range 28 East.

This data was for my own peace of mind to determine what possibly might have been another direction to evaluate. Since I had DST's, I wanted to see what a pressure build-up using Horner plot, I also used Horner plot in the other, but it was a DST evaluation, and in this it was a 4-point multi-point back pressure test, bottom hole pressure build-up.

As you will notice on page one of Exhibit Eleven, it indicated an average rate, and there again the rates were taken throughout the 4-hour run, average for that

one test of four individual 1-hour tests, and that gives you 351.5 Mcf stimulated production.

It was a matter of getting the available information, but there again, there were no DST's run on this well. There was very little information indicating a comparison of like DST to a 4-point, so there again this was a -- this was a stimulation type evaluation to give an after view of what permeability is which as you will notice, I believe it's on page two of this report, yes, on page two, showing a permeability of .0374 millidarcy. This is stimulated and stimulated permeability, a stimulated rate, and from this permeability calculation I was able to derive that even with a fractured system, a fracture manmade, induced fracture system, it did not, you know, exceed the parameters that's required by FERC.

0 Mr. Nokes, what are those parameters for the record?

A. That it should not be greater than .1 millidarcy.

To continue on with this one report, I would like to indicate that on page three there is some history in regards to this well, indicating the perforations, the depth, and the treatment that was utilized to come up with this production.

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And also, the last page, page four, is the interpretation of the Norner plot.

Mr. Nokes, with regard to this particular exhibit, am I correct that the -- all of the information contained in that exhibit was not available to you at the time we submitted the prior exhibits?

A. No, sir. This was just available in just the past week that I was able to, after numerous requests.

Q Mr. Nokes, have you also prepared an exhibit designated as Exhibit Ten?

A. Yes, sir, I have.

0. Would you please describe that exhibit?

A. Exhibit Ten, there again, this — the first page of Exhibit Ten is not numbered. This was a combined — I went ahead and just added this to it, but it's a composition of a core analysis which I was able to obtain from a Midland core lab upon meeting with the supervisor down there, and was granted by Texas Oil and Gas for release, an evaluation of this core analysis by their — their staff indicated that there was a very low productive reservoir and it would be very hard to complete a well with an economic nature.

On page three -- excuse me, that would be page four of this report you have an individual analysis

of the three foot segment that core analysis evaluated, and from this analysis I would like to point out that there is a large permeability factor that's indicated in core number three of 8724.6 to 26.

evaluation of their initial core plug, they showed a 203 millidarcy permeability. Upon conversing with the staff and with the supervisor there with CORE Lab, they indicated that this was not a good replica or view of what the matrix would be due to the fact that the core plug was a fractured plug. It was -- the permeability was indicated in the test that it was a fracture, vertical fracture, of high permeability.

Their indication, or their response to this, was that due to the 90 degree offset plug, that there again indicated what the rest of the core samples had been indicating of in the nature of less than 1 millidarcy permeability.

Q. Less than 1 millidarcy or less than .1 of a millidarcy?

A. .1, I'm sorry, less than .1 of a millidarcy permeability.

In calculating core analysis permeability, it's important to realize -- to realize that this is a permeability that's calculated to air and in a paper that

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was presented through an SPE convention of December the 20th, 1971, Dr. Rex D. Thomas and Don C. Ward presented a paper on Effects of Overburden Pressure and Water Saturation on Gas Permeability of Tight Sandstone Cores.

In this paper they showed the relationship of overburden pressure and buoyancy effect on permeability, and the basics of this is shown on the first page of
Exhibit Ten, which I took the three foot intervals, three
one-foot intervals, excluding the large fracture, calculated
permeability of .00902. This was derived from using the interpretations of the formula that is utilized in calculating
net confining pressure from overburden pressure.

mulas, is, what it does, it takes into consideration the matrix pressure minus the buoyancy of the interstitial water and then minus your reservoir pressure. This gives you an overburden pressure or a net confining pressure on the -- the pore space.

And in doing so, you come up with a point, a corrected permeability of .00902.

Q. Mr. Nokes, how many wells penetrated the Atoka-Morrow formation in the area proposed for designation to date?

There were 39 Atoka-Morrow penetrations.

Of this there were 17 DST's in this -- this zone, and out of these 39 wells there are only 7 at this present date, to my knowledge, that have been completed in the interval that has been described previously.

Q. Mr. Nokes, have you investigated the information from all of these wells, particularly the completed wells and those that have had DST's run on them?

A. I have looked at the DST's on all of these and evaluation from Exhibit Number Nine is of two of these in an area that is centered in the southernmost area of the -- the entire proposed tight gas formation.

Q. Mr. Nokes, would it be fair to say that the wells discussed in Exhibits Nine, Ten, and Eleven are the better wells from a productivity and a permeability standard?

A. Yes, sir, I would.

Q. As opposed to the remaining three wells that were completed?

Well was picked for that purpose; was to exemplify the fact that this was the well we felt would be the highest permoability in the area. As the results of the test on the O'Brien C-4 No. 1, production tests and permeability calculations, it was less than the natural permeability that was reflected on the O'Brien B-1, and also the O'Brien C-1.

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Q Mr. Nokes, considering Mr. Groves' geological testimony and your permeability analysis, is it your opinion that the Atoka-Morrow interval underlying the area proposed for designation would be expected to have an estimated in situ permeability of less than .1 millidarcy throughout the pay section?

A. Yes, sir.

And, Mr. Nokes, is it also your opinion that based on your analysis of the data that you've presented, that stabilized production rate against atmospheric pressure of wells which might be completed in the Atoka-Morrow formation underlying the area proposed for designation would not exceed 388 Mcf of natural gas per day without any type of stimulation?

No, sir, it would not exceed.

Q. Mr. Nokes, have you made any investigation as to what liquid hydrocarbons, if any, might be expected to be produced from wells completed in the proposed designated area?

A. Yes, sir. On the DST's that -- evaluation of the DST's that were entered here, there was no hydrocarbon, nor was there hydrocarbon during the 4-point test indicated.

Q Liquid hydrocarbon.

A. Liquid hydrocarbon, I'm sorry. Also, there again I would like to bring into the fact that Stevens Oil and Gas did have hydrocarbon production and it is indicated on page one of Exhibit Eleven as .0488 barrels per Mcf, which equated back to the stabilizied rate that was indicated on page two of Exhibit Eleven, was 37.96 Mcf, calculated out would indicate 1.82 or 1.85 barrels per stabilized rate, and that — that is stimulated production, and it still did not exceed 5 barrels per day.

0. Mr. Nokes, you have not had any analysis run of any actual liquids from the Stevens well or any other well, is that correct?

A. No, sir, no analysis was made and at this time they have not -- my understanding is that they had it on -- they had put the well on production but had taken it off and I do not know why, but they were having some kind of a problem with production.

There again, the gravity on the condensate for this well with Stevens was 65.5 gravity corrected,

API gravity.

0. Mr. Nokes, would that gravity liquid hydrocarbons indicate to you as a reservoir engineer that it was condensate as opposed to crude oil?

Yes, sir, in reservoir conditions it would

25 1 have been in a gas state. 2 Mr. Nokes, is it your opinion then based 3 on this analysis that wells completed in the Atoka-Morrow 4 formation would be expected to produce less than 5 barrels 5 a day of crude oil without any type of stimulation? 7 Yes, sir, it would be less than 5 barrels a day. 8 Mr. Nokes, are you familiar with the Ģ 10 rules and policies of the Oil Conservation Division and the Minerals Management Service and other Federal and State agencies 11 relating to protection of fresh water aguifers? 12 13 A. Yes, sir. And particularly in regard to casing and 14 cementing programs for wells which might be drilled to this 15 16 proposed formation? 17 A. Yes, sir. 18 Mr. Nokes, in your opinion would com-19 pliance with these rules and regulations adequately protect 20 the fresh water aguifers testified to by Mr. Groves? 21 Yes, sir. 22 Mr. Nokes, are you familiar with what 23 types of treatment programs might be contemplated for wells 24 to be drilled to the Atoka-Morrow formation? 25 The treatment as such for it to be pro-

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2	ductive or of an economic advantage to whoever would drill	
3	in this area, they would have to acidize and fracture the	
4	system.	
5	Q If that was conducted in a prudent manner	
6	in your opinion would such treatments have any adverse effect	
7	on the fresh water aquifers?	
8	No, sir.	
9	Q Mr. Nokes, for the record, could you	
10	identify this proposed area in relation to the nearest town	
11	of any size?	
12	A. It's approximately 23 miles northeast	
13	of Roswell, New Mexico.	
14	Q Mr. Nokes, in your opinion will recom-	
15	mendation by the Division that this area be designated as a	
16	tight formation promote conservation and prevent waste?	
17	A. Yes, sir.	
18	Q Were Exhibits Nine, Ten, and Eleven pre-	
19	pared by you or under your supervision?	
20	A. Yes, sir.	
21	MR. STRAND: Mr. Examiner, I move admis-	
22	sion of Exhibits One through Eleven.	
23	MR. STAMETS: These exhibits will be	
24	admitted.	
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#### DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. STAMETS:

Q. Mr. Nokes, on Exhibit Ten, CORE Lab identifies that zone as Strawn. Is in fact the interval surveyed within that formation which you all have identified as Atoka-Morrow?

A. Okay. I'm sorry, you mentioned that they called it the Strawn.

Q. Yes.

A. Okay, that was what Texas Oil and Gas, I conversed with them on this topic, it's a matter of nomen-clature to them. At the time they could not -- they have a new production head so they cannot indicate, you know, whose -- you know, whose decision it was to call it Strawn or what, but they are in total agreement that it is, you know, an Atoka and that it is a consistent pay that we revealed.

MR. STAMETS: Are there any other questions of the witness?

MR, STOGNER: Yes, Mr. Stamets, I have some.

was very anxious to be able to get a bottom -- a build-up, bottom hole pressure build-up from Stevens, to have another

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way of analyzing this information. Out of this area this, the Texas Oil and Gas wells is the most productive, or looks to be the most pro-ductive area, and that was the reason that we used, or that I calculated off of the wells that I did. MR. STOGNER: No further questions. MR. STAMETS: Any other questions of the witness? He may be excused. Anything further in this case? MR. STRAND: Nothing further, Mr. Examiner. MR. STAMETS: The case will be taken under advisement. (Hearing concluded.) 

### CERTIFICATE

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Dear Mr. Pearce:

This jurisdictional agency concurs in the recommendation of the State of New Mexico, Case No. 7492, Order No. R-6934, dated April 9, 1982, that the Atoka-Morrow Formation underlying the described lands in subject order in Chaves County, New Mexico, be designated as a Section 107 tight formation.

It is requested that this concurrence be included with the recommendation submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Sincerely yours,

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	Harvey E. Yates Company
Dear Sir:	
Enclosed herewith are two of Division order recently ent	copies of the above-referenced cered in the subject case.
Yours very truly,	
JOE D. RAMEY Director	
JDR/fd	
Copy of order also sent to:	
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# STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MAYTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE BIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 7492 Order No. 8-6934

APPLICATION OF HARVEY E. VATES COMPANY FOR DESIGNATION OF A TIGHT FORMATION, CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

### ORDER OF THE DIVISION

### BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on Merch 16, 1982, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stameta.

NOW, on this 9th day of April, 1982, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

### FINDS:

- (1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicant, Harvey E. Yates Company, requests that the Division in accordance with Section 107 of the Natural Gas Policy Act, and 18 C.F.R. §271.701-705 recommend to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that the Atoka-Horrow formation underlying certain lands situated in Chaves County, New Mexico, as described on Exhibit "A" attached to this order, hereinafter referred to as the Atoka-Horrow formation, be designated as a tight formation in said Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulations.
- (3) That the Atoka-Morrow formation underlies all of the lands described in Exhibit "A"; that the formation consists of shales interspersed with lime and sand sections; that the top of such formation is found at an average depth of 8,100 feet below the surface of said area; and that the thickness of such formation is from 91 to 895 feet within said area.

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- (4) That the type section for the Atoka-Morrow formation for the proposed tight formation designation is found at a depth of from approximately 8,510 feet to 8,800 feet on the Compensated Neutron Density log dated October 4, 1977, from the Texas Oil and Gas Company 8 Well No. 1 located in Unit N of Section 2, Township 9 South, Renge 29 East, Chaves County, New Hexico.
- (5) That the following wells produce or have produced natural gas from the Atoka-Morrow formation within the proposed area:

Texas 0il & Gas Company O'Brien B #I

660 feet from South line and 1980 feet from West line of Section 2, Township 9 South, Range 29 East, NHPM, Chaves County, New Mexico.

Texas Oil & Gas Company O'Brien C #1

1980 feet from South line and 1980 feet from West line of Section 11, Township 9 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Chaves County, New Mexico.

Texas 011 & Gas Company O'Brien A #1

660 feet from North line and 1980 feet from East line of Section 14, Township 9 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Chaves County, New Mexico.

Texas Oil & Gas Company O'Brien #1

1980 feet from South line and 660 feet from East line of Section 11, Township 9 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Chaves County, New Mexico.

Amoco Production Company State JA #1

1980 feet from North line and 1980 feet from West line of Section 36. Township 8 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Chaves County, New Mexico.

General American Oil Company of Texas GAO State #1

2206 feet from North line and 660 feet from East line of Section 36, Township 7 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Chaves County, New Mexico.

Stevens Operating Corporation O'Brien C #4 1980 feet from South line and 745 feet from West line of Section 1, Township 9 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Chaves County, New Mexico.

(6) That the Atoka-Morrow formation underlying the above described lands has been penetrated by several other wells,

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none of which produced natural gas in commercial quantities from said formation.

- (7) That the evidence presented in this case demonstrated that no well formerly or currently completed in the Atoka-Morrow formation within the proposed area exhibited permeability, gas productivity, or crude oil productivity in excess of the following parameters:
  - (a) average in situ gas permeability throughout the pay section of 0.1 millidarcy; and
  - (b) stabilized production rates, without stimulation, against atmospheric pressure, as found in the table set out in 18 C.F.R. §271.703(c)(2)(8) of the regulations; and
  - (c) production of more than five barrels of crude oil per day.
- (B) That based on analysis of available data from existing wells within the proposed area and utilizing generally and customarily accepted petroleum engineering techniques and measurements:
  - (a) The estimated average in situ gas permesbility throughout the pay section of the Atoka-Morrow formation is expected to be 0.1 millidarcy or less; and
  - (b) The stabilized production rate, against atmospheric pressure, of wells completed for production in the Atoka-Morrow formation, without stimulation, is not expected to exceed production levels determined by reference to well denth, as found in the table set out in 18 C.F.R. §271.703 (c)(2)(8) of the regulations; and
  - (c) No well drilled into the formation is expected to produce, without stimulation, more than five barrels of crude oil per day.
- (9) That within the proposed area there is a recognized water aquifer, being the Triassic Sands, found at depths of from 100 feet to 400 feet.
- (10) That existing State of New Mexico and Federal Regulations relating to casing and cementing of wells will assure

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that development of the Atoka-Mossow formation will not adversely affect said water zones.

- (11) That the Atoka-Morrow formation, or any portion thereof, as described horein, is not currently being developed by infill drilling as defined in 18 C.F.R. §271.703(b)(6) of the regulations.
- (12) That the Atoka-Morrow formation within the proposed area should be recommended to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for designation as a tight formation.

# IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (1) That it be and hereby is recommended to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission pursuant to Section 106 of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978, and 18 C.F.R. §271.703 of the regulations that the Atoka-Morrow formation underlying certain lands in Chaves County, New Mexico, as shown on Exhibit "A" attached to this order, be designated as a tight formation.
- (2) That jurisdiction of this cause is hereby retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DCNE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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Containing 138,240 acres, more or less.

Exhibit "A" Order No. R-6934

2 STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT 3 OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION STATE LAND OFFICE BLDG. 4 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 17 February 1982 5 EXAMINER HEARING 6 7 IN THE MATTER OF: 8 Application of Harvey E. Yates Company for designation of a tight CASE 9 formation, Chaves County, New 7492 Mexico. 10 11 12 13 BEFORE: Richard L. Stamets 14 15 TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING 16 17 APPEARANCES 18 19 For the Oil Conservation W. Perry Pearce, Esq. Division: Legal-Counsel to the Division 20 State Land Office Bldg. Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501 21 22 For the Applicant: Robert H. Strand, Esq. 23 HARVEY E. YATES CO. Roswell, New Mexico 88201. 24 25

MR. STAMETS: We'll call Case 7492. MR. PEARCE: Application of Harvey E. Yates Company for designation of tight formation, Chaves County, New Mexico. MR. STRAND: Mr. Examiner, we would request that be continued until the March 16th hearing. MR. STAMETS: Case 7492 will be continued to the March 16th Examiner Hearing. (Hearing concluded.) 

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# CERTIFICATE

I, SALLY W. BOYD, C.S.R., DO HEREBY CEPTIFY that the foregoing Transcript of Hearing before the Oil Conservation Division was reported by me; that the said transcript is a full, true, and correct record of the hearing, prepared by me to the best of my ability.

Sally W. Boyd COR

, Examiner

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a complete record of the proceedings in the Examiner hearing of Case No. 2492 heard by me on 25/2 1982

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# TEXAS OIL & GAS CORP.

BOO WILCO BUILDING

# MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701

April 14, 1982

Oil Conservation Division P. O. Box 2088 Santa Pe, New Mexico 87501



Dear People;

Thank you very much for your conscientious service in regards to sending us hearing exhibits presented before the NMOCC. I believe everything has been returned in good order. Please let me know if there is any problem.

Sincerely,

Geof Meyer

GM/1b Enclosures KELLAHIN AND KELLAHIN

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November 5, 1982

Telephone 982-4285 Area Code 505

Mr. Joe Rault
RAULT PETROLEUM CORPORATION
1111 Gravier
New Orleans, LA 70112

Re: Tight Sands Designation

Dear Mr. Rault:

Jason Kellahin

Karen Aubrey James B. Grant

W. Thomas Kellahin

In accordance with our telephone conversation yesterday, please find enclosed a complete set of the application, order, transcript and exhibits used in Case 7492, Division Order R-6934.

These documents are on loan to me from the Division and I must return them within ten days. You are free to make whatever copies you desire and then return the originals to me.

Very truly

W. Thomas

WTK:rb

Enc.

cc: Mr. Jim Vidrine

# NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION EXAMINER HEARING

DOCKET NO.

# PREPARED BY:

Harvey E. Yates Company Suite 300 Security National Bank Building Roswell, New Mexico 88201

BEFORE EXAMINER	
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION	*
EXHIBIT NO.	9
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# ATOKA-MORROW TIGHT GAS SAND POOL

The purpose of this report is to present evidence which will demonstrate that the Atoka-Morrow Gas Reservoir under the Sections described in the Tight Formation Application of February 22nd, 1982, in Townships 7, 8 and 9 of Ranges 29, 30 and 31, N.M.P.M., Chaves County, New Mexico, qualifies as a "Tight Formation" area.

The gas permeability in the Atoka-Morrow zone of the Texas Oil and Gas Well O'Brien "B" #1 in Section 2 and O'Brien "C" #1 in Section 11, Township 9 South, Range 29 East, were calculated from drill stem tests. The analysis revealed an in-situ gas permeability ranging from .0022 to .081 millidarcies and is not expected to exceed 0.1 millidarcies.

The stabilized production rate, at atmospheric pressure, for the Atoka-Morrow formation is not expected to be greater than 231~MCFGPD without stimulation and would not exceed the maximum allowable production set out by F.E.R.C.

During the Drill Stem Tests in the O'Brien "B" #1 and the O'Brien "C" #1, there was no evidence of liquid hydrocarbon production. Oil production is not expected to exceed five barrels of crude oil per day in naturally completed wells from the Atoka-Morrow formation in this area.

# ATOKA-MORROW TIGHT GAS SAND POOL Chaves County, New Mexico Data Summary Sheet and Calculations Prepared by Ray F. Nokes Reservoir Engineer Harvey E. Yates Company March 1, 1982

Owner-Operator	Texas Oil & Gas	Texas Oil & Gas
Lease Name	O'Brien "B"	O'Brien "C"
Well Number	Well #1	We11 #1
Location: Section, Township, Range	Sec. 2, T-9-S, R-29-E	Sec. 11, T-9-S, R-29-E
Productive Interval	8542-8690' (OA)	8632-8952' (OA)
Test Data:	DST	DST
Date of Test	October 4, 1977	July 16, 1977
Standard Pressure	15.025 psia	15.025 psia
Choke Size	1/4"	1/4"
Production Data:		
Gas Production Rate on Test -	100	120
Condensate - Barrels	None	None
Water Production - Barrels	None	None
Cumulative Gas Production	N.R.	N.R.
During Test - MCF		
Formation, Reservoir and Physical		
Characteristics Data:		
Atoka-Morrow Zone Thickness -	59	114
Feet (h)		
Porosity (Ø)	7.5	8.05
Interstitial Water (Sw) % of Pore Space	24	24
Reservoir Temp °F/°R Specific Gravity of Gas (SG)	160/620	141/601
Air = 1.00	.689	.743
Gas Viscosity (µ) @ Reservoir Conditions Cp	.0195	.0231
Reservoir Boundary from Ruild-	3206 025	3290.025
up (Pe)-psia Critical Pressure P - psia	668	665
Critical Temperature T <sub>c</sub> -°R	380	403
Pseudo Reduced Pressure-Pr	4.8	4.95
Pseudo Reduced Temperature- Tr	1.79	1.49
Gas Compressibility Factor (2)	.903	.805
Gas Formation Volume Factor (Bg)-CF/SCF	.00504	.00425

– Well Bore Radius (R <sub>W</sub> ) – fo	eet .328	.328
Equivalent Liquid Rate of Gas Production (Q <sub>RBPD</sub> )	Test 89.84	90.91
Shut in Time of Reservoir up Test - AT-minutes	Build- 119	180
Slope of Buildup Curve (Horner Technique)(M)psi	/cycle 59	1390
Permeability $K = \frac{(162.6) (Qrbpd)(p)}{(h) (m)}$	.081	.0022
Gas Compressibility - Cg-p	sia $2.69 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.18 \times 10^{-4}$
Water Compressibility Cw-p	sia 2.9 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	$3.0 \times 10^{-6}$
Formation Compressibility Cf - psia	5.4 x 10-6	5.3 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>
Total Compressibility Ct - psia	2.1 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	$1.7 \times 10^{-4}$
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# Radius of Investigation During Buildup

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# Calculated Flow Rate to Atmospheric Pressure in MCFGPD (based on Ri) 231

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Using Darcy Radial Flow Equation
$$gsc = \frac{.703 \text{ Kh } (Pe^2 - Psc^2)^N}{\mu TZ \cdot ln (re/rw)}$$

# ATOKA-MORROW TIGHT GAS SAND POOL

Operator: Texas Oil & Gas Texas Oil & Gas

Lease Name & Well No.: O'Brien "B" #1 O'Brien "C" #1

Perforation Interval: 8542-8690' 8632-8952'

Atoka-Morrow Sand: 59' 114'

Rw (Corrected): .08 ohm .08 ohm

Ave Porosity - (\*): 7.5% 8.05%

Ave Resistivity (RT): 230 ohms 193 ohms

Ave Water Saturation (Sw): 24% 24%

Equation used to calculate Sw:

Humble Equation

$$Sw = \sqrt{\frac{.62}{g^{2.15}}} Rw$$

$$RT$$

# WELL HISTORIES

Operator:

Lease Name:

Well Numbers:

Legal Location:

Spud Date:

Completion Date:

Elevation:

Total Depth:

Plug Back Total Depth:

Production Interval:

Casing Summary:

Treatment Summary:

Date of 1st Production:

Date of Potential Test:

Length of Test:

Production During Test

MCF/BO/BW

Rate of Test

(Stimulated Production)

Texas Oil & Gas

O'Brien "B"

Well #1

N, 660 FSL & 1980 FWL

Sec. 2, T-9-S, R-29-E Chaves County, New Mexico

September 19, 1977

November 19, 1977

3980.81 GR

8930'

88221

8542-8690' (OA)

12-3/4' to 315' w/300SXS 8-5/8' to 2615' w/300SXS

4-1/2' to 8930' w/500SXS

A/6700 gal 15% NEA

November 14, 1977

November 14, 1977

4 hours (to air)

39.2/0/0

289 MCFGPD

Texas Oil & Gas

O'Brien "C"

We11.#1

K, 1980 FWL & 1980 FSL

Sec. 11, T-9-S, R-29-E,

Chaves County, New Mexico

June 19, 1977

November 19, 1977

3978.8' GR

9030'

89801

8632~89521 (OA)

12-3/4' to 315' w/300 SXS

8-5/8' to 2615' w/300 SXS

4-1/2' to 9030' w/430 SXS

A/13,500 gal 15% NEA

November 15, 1977

November 15, 1977

4 hours (to air)

40.2/0/0

340 MCFGPD

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# Permeability Calculations for the

TEXAS OIL & GAS

O'Brien "A" #1

Sec 14, T-98, R-29E

Chaves County, New Mexico

Maximum Per	rmeability	90° to Plug	Swa	Description
8722-231	.5	. 4	19.6	SD V/F
8723-24.61	۷.1	۷.1	26.8	so s
8724.6-261	203	۷,1	46.1	SD shy V/F

Ave Core Perm: (1) excluding large fracture .24 md. Ave:  $S_W = 30.8$ 

(2) with the fracture 34 md.

# Overburden Pressure Calculations:

1.0964 psi/ft Pob

(1.0964)(8723') = 9564 psi @ reservoir conditions  $P_{ob}_{res}$ 

 $-\rho_{\rm W}$  = psi net confining pressure. Pobres

9564 - 3212 = 6352 psi net confining pressure.

Using permeability Sw and the nomograph from the Pob paper it is possible to calculate corrected reservoir permeabilities.

Example: No fracture to slightly fractured -

Nomograph Figure #1 @ 6352 psi = 8% of initial permeability of

Nomograph Figures #5  $\epsilon$  #6 averaged for 30%  $S_W$  @ 6352 psi = 47% of initial permeability.

.00902 md for non-fractured to Therefore (.08)(.47)(.24 md) - slightly fractured interval.

Ray F. Nokes Reservoir Engineer Harvey E. Yates Company Roswell, New Mexico 88201

BEFORE SXAMILER STAMETS OIL CONSSIDERATION DIVISION 12. 2. 17. 10. 10 a CASE: 0 7492 Submille by Applie-

CORE LABORATORIES, INC.



September 12, 1977

Texas Oil & Gas Corporation 900 Wilco Building Midland, Texas 79701

File : 3102-10428

Subject: Core Analysis

O'Brien A No. 1

Wildcat

Chaves County, New Mexico

# Gentlemen:

The subject well was cored using diamond coring equipment and fresh water to obtain 4.25 inch diameter cores from 8690 to 8747 feet from the Strawn formation.

Parmeable formation between 8722 to 8726 feet is considered to be gas productive; however due to the low productive and storage capacity an economic completion is considered to be very doubtful.

Core analysis data is presented in tabular and graphical form for your convenience. A procedural page is also included with other pertinent data.

We trust these data will be useful in the evaluation of your property and thank you for the opportunity or serving you.

Very truly yours,

CORE LABORATORIES, INC.

Jack H. Neff

Laboratory Supervisor

JHN/rlb/jg

Texas Oil & Gas Corporation
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Procedural Page

The cores were preserved at the wellsite in a CO<sub>2</sub> atmosphere and transported to Hidland by Core Laboratories, Inc. personnel.

A Core Gamma Log was recorded for downhole E-log correlation.

Core analysis was made from intervals requested on whole-core diameter samples.

Fluid removal and fluid saturations were determined using controlled temperature vacuum retort techniques.

Porpsity was determined using whole-core summation of fluids.

Air permeability measured in two horizontal directions.

The core was boxed.

# CORE LABORATORIES, INC. Petroleum Reservoir Engineering DALLAS, TEXAS

TEXASSOIL & GAS CORPORATION

O' BRIEN A 110. 1

WILDCAT

CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

DATEL

8-23-7:

FORMATION: STRANT

DRUG. FLUID: FRESH MATER

FILE NO:

3102-1:428

ENGI C.R:

DILLARD

ELEVATION: 402 DE

1980 FEL 660 FIF. SEC 14 TH9-S R29E LOCATION:

\* IND CATES PLUG PERY

S INDICATES PRESERVED SAMPLE

SMP. NO.

HT930

PERM. TO AIR MD. MAXIMUM 90 DEG

POROSITY VERT. GEX, FLD.

FLUID SATS. OIL

WTR.

GR. DEN.

DESCRIPTION

WHOLE CORE AMALYSIS

8690.0-92.5 LM SHY

8592.5-94.0 SD LMY SHY

8694.5-8700.5 SH IL/LMY

8700.5-02.0 LM SHY

8702.0-07.0 SH LMY

8707.0-19. LM SL/SHY

8709.0-10.5 SH SL/SDY

8710.5-22.0 SD SL/SHY

8723.0-23.0

8724.6-26.0

0.5 <0.1

0.4 <0.1

19.6 2.0

SD V/F

1.9 26.8 SD

203.0

<0.1

6.1 46.1 SD SHY V/F

8726.0-27.5 SH SL/SDY

8727.5-31.4 SH SL/LMY

8731.4-38.8 LM SHY

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TEXAS OIL & GAS CORPORATION O' BRIEN A NO. 1

DATE:

8-23-7

FORMATION:

STRAIN

FILE NO!

3102-10418

ENGINE R: DIL ARD

SMP. NO.

PERM. TO AIR MD. MAXIMU 90 DEG VERT. POROSITY GEX. FLD. FEUID SATS. OIL WTR.

GR. DEN.

DESCRIPTION

8738.5-47.0 SH SOY

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ATOKA - MORROW TIGHT GAS SAND POOL Chaves County, New Mexico
Data Summary Sheet and Calculations
Prepared by Ray F. Nokes Reservoir Engineer Harvey E. Yates Company March 4, 1982

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Owner-Operator Lease Name Well Number	Stevens Operating Corporation O'Brien "C"   Well #1
Location: Section, Township Range	Sec. 1, T-9S, R-28E
Production Interval	6831-6834' (OA)
Test Data: Date of Test	8 Multipoint Back Pressure Test July 8 - 10, 1981
Standard Pressure	15.025 psia
Production Data:	
Average Gas Production Rate during Test - MCFGPD Condensate - Barrels/MCF Gravity of Condensate @ 60° F Water Production - Barrels	351.5 .0488 65.50 None
Cumulative Cas Production during Test - MCFG	58.58
Characteristic Data:  Atoka - Morrow Zone Thickness - Feet (h) Average Porosity (Ø) Interstitial Water (Sw) % of Pore Space - Est. Reservoir Temperature OF/OR Specific Gravity of Gas (SG) Air = 1.00 Gas Viscosity (µg) @ Reservoir Conditions Cp Reservoir Boundary from Build-up (Pe) psia Critical Pressure (Pc) psia Critical Temperature (Tc) OR Pseudo-Reduced Pressure (Pr) Pseudo-Reduced Temperature (Tr) Gas Compressibility Factor (Z) Gas Formation Volume Factor (Bg) CF/SCF	26 6.5% 22% 120/580  .7216 .0206 2815.025 687 389 4.10 1.49 .78 .00464

Average Equivalent Liquid Rate of Test Cas

Production (QRBPD)

290,46

$$Q_{RBPD} = \frac{(Q_{SCf})(B_g)}{5.615}$$

Slope of Bulld-up Curve (Horner Technique) (M) psi/cycle

1000

Permeability

,0374 md

$$K \approx \frac{(162.6) (Q_{RPBD}) (\mu)}{(M) (h)} = md$$

Well Bore Radius (Rw) - feet

.328

Shut in Time of Reservoir Build-up Test - AT in minutes

2910

Cas Compressibility  $C_g$  - psia

 $3.05 \times 10^{-4}$ 

Water Compressibility  $\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{W}}$  - psia

 $2.9 \times 10^{-6}$ 

Formation Compressiblity Cf - psia

 $5.8 \times 10^{-6}$ 

$$2.4 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$(S_g)(C_g) + (S_W)(C_W) + C_f = C_E$$

# Radius of Investigation During Build-up

RI = 
$$\sqrt{\frac{K'!'}{(57600)(\emptyset)(\mu)(C_t)}}$$
 = feet

76,69

Where T is the Shut-in Time in minutes ▲T (Van Poolen Equation)

# Calculated Flow Rate to Atmospheric Pressure in MCFGPD

(Using Darcy Radial Flow Equation)

$$qsc = \frac{.703 \text{ K}_{\text{h}} (P_{\text{e}}^2 - P_{\text{sc}}^2)^{\text{N}}}{\mu \text{TZ} \cdot \ln (\text{re/rw})}$$

37,96

Operator:

Lease Name:

Well Number:

Legal Location:

Spud Date:

Completion Date:

Elevation:

Total Depth:

PBTD:

Production Interval:

Casing Summary:

Treatment Summary:

Date of First Production:

Date of Potential Test:

Length of Test:

Production During Test: MCF/BO/BW

Rate of Test (Ave.):
Stimulated Production

Stevens Operating Corporation  $\theta^{T}$  Brien  ${}^{T}C^{T}$ 

We11 #4

L, 1980' FSL & 745' FWL Sec. 1, T-9S, R-28E Chaves County, New Mexico

February 12, 1975

July 14, 1981

3938' GL; 3950' KB

72351

7000'

6831-68341 (OA)

8-5/8" to 1970' w/870 sx 5-1/2" to 7235' w/700 sx

A/35 bbls (1470 gals) 7-1/2% acid w/1000 SCF N2 & 16 bbls 2% KCL

Frac/20,000 gal gelled KCL & 18,500# 20/40 sd.

N/R (SI, WOPL)

July 24, 1981

4 hours

58,58 MCFG

351.5 MCFGPD

# Steven's Operating Corporation Horner Technique Calculations from Pressure Build-up

T+ A T A T	Pressure
1.17	1026
. 90	1301
.75	1543
.65	1743
.58	1876
.52	2000
.48	2130
.44	2203
. 38	2345
.33	2449
. 39	2510
.27	~ 2554
.23	2594
.20	2623
.18	2641
.16	2658
.14	2670
.13	2681
.11	2/01
.09	2722
.07	2742
.06	2757
.05	2768
. 04	2774
.04	2783
.03	2788
.03	2794

M = 1000 psig/cycle Pe = 2800 psig

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION 13 2 3 1082 ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSCREMENTATION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO SANTA FE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION :
OF HARVEY E. YATES COMPANY FOR :
DESIGNATION OF A TIGHT FORMATION :
CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO :

Case No.

# APPLICATION

COMES NOW HARVEY E. YATES COMPANY by its attorney and respectfully states:

 Applicant is the owner of an interest in the Atoka-Morrow Formation underlying the following described lands situated in Chaves County, New Mexico:

Township 7 South, Range 28 East, NMPM Sections: 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, 36

Township 7 South, Range 29 East, NMPM Sections: 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36

Township 8 South, Range 28 East, NMPM Sections: 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, 36

Township 8 South, Range 29 East, NMPM
Sections: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10,
11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18,
19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26,
27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34,
35, 36

Township 9 South, Range 28 East, NMPM Sections: 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

Township 9 South, Range 29 East, NMPM Sections: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18

Township 7 South, Range 30 East, NMPM Sections: 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36

Township 8 South, Range 30 East, NMPM Sections: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36

Township 9 South, Range 30 East, NMPM Sections: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18

Township 7 South, Range 31 East, NMPM Sections: 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36

Township 8 South, Range 31 East, NMPM
Sections: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10,
11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18,
19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26,
27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34,
35, 36

Township 9 South, Range 31 East, NMPM Sections: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18

Containing a total of 161,280 acres, more or less.

- 2. The Atoka-Morrow formation underlying the above described lands is expected to have an estimated average <u>in</u>

  <u>situ</u> gas permeability throughout the pay section of less than 0.1 millidarcy.
- 3. The stabilized production rate, against atmospheric pressure of wells completed for pdocution in said formation, without stimulation, is not expected to exceed the production levels set out in 18 C.F.R. §271.703(c)(2)(B).
- 4. No well drilled into said formation is expected to produce, without stimulation, more than five barrels of crude oil per day.

WHEREFORE, applicant prays:

- A. That this application be set for hearing before an examiner, and that notice of said hearing be given as required by law.
- That upon such hearing, the Division enter its order recommending to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that pursuant to 18 CFR, Section 271.701-705, the Atoka-Morrow formation underlying the above described lands be designated a tight formation.
- For such further relief as the Division deems just and proper.

DATED this 22nd day of February, 1982.

HARVEY E. YATES COMPANY

By:

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Attorney for Applicant P.O. Box 2226

Roswell, New Mexico 88202-2226

RHS/bjt

Dockets Nos. 9-82 and 10-82 are tentatively set for March 31, and April 14, 1982. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

## DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - TUESDAY - MARCH 16, 1982

9 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION CONFERENCE ROOM STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

The following cases will be heard before Richard L. Stamets, Examiner, or Daniel S. Nutter, Alternate Examiner:

- ALLOWABLE: (1) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for April, 1982, from fifteen provated pools in Lea, Eddy, and Chaves Counties, New Mexico.
  - (2) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for April, 1982, from four prorated pools in San Juan, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico.
- CASE 7502: Application of Sun Oil Company for an unorthodox cus well location and non-standard gas proration unit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of a well to be drilled 760 feet from the South line and 960 feet from the East line of Section 6, Township 24 South, Range 37 East, Jalmat Gas Pool, and a 160-acre non-standard proration unit comprising the SE/4 of said Section 6.
- CASE 7503: Application of Sun Oil Company for an unorthodox gas well location and non-standard gas proration unit,

  Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location
  of a well to be drilled 1980 feet from the North line and 1400 feet from the East line of Section 22,

  Township 22 South, Range 36 East, Jalmat Gas Pool, and a 120-acre non-standard proration unit comprising
  the W/2 NE/4 and SE/4 NE/4 of said Section 22.
- CASE 7504: Application of Cities Service Company for the extension of vertical limits of the Langlie Mattix Pool, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the contraction of the vertical limits of the Jalmat Pool and the upward extension of the vertical limits of the Langlie Mattix Pool to a subsurface depth of 3416 feet underlying the NW/4 of Section 19, Township 24 South, Range 37 East.
- CASE 7505: Application of BCO, Inc. for downhole commingling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of Lybrook-Gallup and Basin-Dakota production in the wellbores of wells drilled and to be drilled in Section 2, 3, 4, 9 and 10, Township 23 North, Range 7 West.
- CASE 7506: Application of Getty Oil Company for salt water disposal, Lea County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of salt water into the Abo formation in the perforated interval from 8900 feet to 9300 feet in its State "P" Well No. 1, located in Unit P, Section 32, Township 16 South, Range 37 East, Lovington-Abo Pool.
- CASE 7507: Application of Sonny's Oilfield Service, Inc. for an oil treating plant permit, Lea County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority for the construction and operation of an oil treating plant for the purpose of treating and reclaiming sediment oil at a site in the NW/4 NE/4 of Section 29, Township 18 South, Range 38 East.
- CASE 7508: Application of P & O Oilfield Services, Inc. for an oil treating plant permit, Lea County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority for the construction and operation of an oil treating plant for the purpose of treating and reclaiming sediment oil at a site in the SW/4 NE/4 of Section 10, Township 25 South, Range 36 East.
- CASE 7459: (Continued from February 17, 1982, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Red Mountain Associates for the Amendment of Order No. R-6538, McKinley County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the amendment of Order No. R-6538, which authorized applicant to conduct waterflood operations in the Chaco Wash-Mesa Verde Oil Pool. Applicant seeks approval for the injection of water through various other wells than those originally approved, seeks deletion of the requirement for packers in injection wells, and seeks an increase in the previously authorized 68-pound limitation on injection pressure.

CASE 7457: (Continued from February 17, 1982, Examiner Hearing) (This Case will be continued to April 28, 1982)

Application of E. T. Ross for nine non-standard gas proration units, Harding County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for nine 40-acre non-standard gas proration units in the Bravo Dome Carbon Dioxide Area. In Township 19 North, Range 30 East: Section 12, the NW/4 NW/4 and NE/4 NW/4; Section 14, the NW/4 NE/4, SW/4 NE/4, and SE/4 NE/4. In Township 20 North, Range 30 East: Section 11, the NE/4 SW/4, SW/4 SE/4, SE/4 SW/4, and NW/4 SE/4.

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- CASE 7509: Application of Supron Energy Corporation for a non-standard proration unit or compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of a 160-acre non-standard proration unit for the Dakota and Mesaverde formations comprising the SW/4 of Section 2, Township 21 North, Range 8 West, or in the alternative, an order pooling all mineral interests from the surface down through the Dakota formation underlying the S/2 of said Section 2, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges, for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- CASE 7510: Application of Union Oil Company of California for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp and Penn formations underlying the N/2 of Section 10, Township 22 South, Range 32 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- Application of Buffton Oil & Gas Inc. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp through Devonian formations underlying the W/2 of Section 35, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- CASE 7496: (Continued from March 3, 1982, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Viking Petroleum, Inc. for an unorthodox location, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of an Abo gas well to be drilled 62 feet from the South line and 1984 feet from the East line of Section 29, Township 5 South, Range 24 East, the SE/4 of said Section to be dedicated to the well.

- CASE 7512: Application of Viking Petroleum, Inc. for an unorthodox location, Lea County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of a well located in Unit H of Section 31, Township 13 South, Range 34 East, Nonombre-Penn Pool, said well being a recompleted Morrow test and located in the SE/4 of the quarter section whereas the pool rules require wells to be located in the NE/4 or SW/4 of the quarter section.
- CASE 7476: (Continued from March 3, 1982, Examiner Tearing)

Application of Jack J. Grynberg for compulsory pooling, Chaves County, New Mexico.

Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests down through and including the Abo formation, underlying two 160-acre gas spacing units, being the NE/4 and SE/4, respectively, of Section 12, Township 5 South, Range 24 East, each to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said wells and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the wells and a charge for risk involved in drilling said wells.

- CASE 7513: Application of Mesa Petroleum Company for compulsory pooling, Chaves County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Abo
  formation underlying the SE/4 of Section 12, Township 5 Scuth, Range 24 East, to be dedicated to a
  well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling
  and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and
  charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk
  involved in drilling said well.
- CASE 7514: Application of Santa Fe Exploration Co. for compulsory pooling, or in the alternative a non-standard proration unit, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Permo-Penn, Strawn, Atoka and Morrow formations underlying the W/2 of Section 2, Township 20 South, Range 25 East to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a 200 percent charge for risk involved in drilling said well. In the event said 200 percent risk factor is not approved, applicant seeks a non-standard unit excluding the lands of owners not participating in the well.

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- CASE 7515: Application of Four Corners Gas Producers Association for designation of a tight formation, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the designation of the Dakota formation underlying all or portions of Townships 26 and 27 North, Ranges 12, and 13 West, Township 29 North, Ranges 13 through 15 West, and Township 30 North, Ranges 14 and 15 West, containing 164,120 acres, more or less, as a tight formation pursuant to Section 107 of the Natural Gas Policy Act and 18 CFR Section 271, 701-705.
- CASE 7445: (Continued from February 17, 1982, Examiner Hearing)
  (This Case will be continued to April 28, 1982)

Application of Harvey E. Yates Company for an NGPA determination, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks a new onshore reservoir determination in the San Andres formation for its Fulton Collier Well No. 1 in Unit G of Section 1, Township 18 South, Range 28 East.

CASE 7492: (Continued and Readvertised)

Application of Harvey E. Yates Company for a tight formation, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the designation of the Atoka-Morrow formation underlying all or portions of Townships 7, 8, and 9 South, Ranges 28, 29, 30 and 31 East, containing 161,280 acres, more or less, as a tight formation pursuant to Section 107 of the Natural Gas Policy Act and 18 CFR Section 271, 701-705.

CASE 7500: (Continued from March 3, 1982, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Read & Stevens, Inc. for an exception to the maximum allowable base price provisions of the New Mexico Natural Gas Pricing Act, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order of the Division prescribing the price allowed for production enhancement gas under Section 107 of the Natural Gas Policy Act as the maximum allowable base price if production enhancement work which qualifies under the NGPA is performed on its Hackberry Hills Unit Well No. 4 located in Section 22, Township 22 South, Ranga 26 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Dockets Nos. 7-82 and 8-82 are tentatively set for March 3 and March 17, 1982. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

### DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 17, 1982

9 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION CONFERENCE ROOM STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

The following cases will be heard before Richard L. Stamets, Examiner, or Daniel S. Nutter, Alternate Examiner:

- ALLOWABLE: (1) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for March, 1982, from fifteen prorated pools in Lea, Eddy, and Chaves Counties, New Mexico.
  - (2) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for March, 1982, from four prorated pools in San Juan, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico.
  - (3) Consideration of purchaser's nominations for the one year period beginning april 1, 1982, for both of the above areas.
- CASE 7445: (Continued from December 16, 1981, Examiner Hearing)
  (THIS CASE WILL BE CONTINUED TO THE EXAMINER HEARING ON MARCH 17, 1982)

Application of Harvey E. Yates Company for an NGPA determination, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks a new onshore reservoir determination in the San Andres formation for its Fulton Collier Well No. 1 in Unit G of Section 1, Township 18 South, Range 28 East.

CASE 7479: Application of Northwest Pipeline Corporation for amendment of Order No. R-2046, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the Amendment of Division Order No. R-2046, which authorized approval of six non-standard proration units, Basin-Dakota Gas Pool.

The amendment sought is for the creation of the following non-standard proration units to be drilled at standard locations thereon: Township 31 North, Range 6 West, Section 25: N/2 (272.16 acres) and S/2 (273.3 acres); Section 36: N/2 (272.56 acres) and S/2 (272.88 acres); Township 30 North, Range 6 West; Section 1: N/2 (272.81 acres) and S/2 (273.49 acres).

- CASE 7480: Application of Arco Oil & Gas Company for pool creation, Lea County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the creation of a new Upper Devonian gas pool for its

  Custer Well No. 1 located 1810 feet from the North line and 2164 feet from the West line of Section
  6. Township 25 South, Range 37 East, Custer Field.
- Application of Arco Oil & Gas Company for amendment of Order No. R-6792, Lea County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the amendment of Division Order No. R-6792, which authorized the directional drilling of applicant's Custer Wells Well No. 1 to an unorthodox location in the Devonian and Ellenburger formations and imposed a penalty in the Devonian. By stipulation applicant and the offset operator have agreed that the subject well is not affecting the offsetting property and applicant herein seeks removal of the penalty imposed for so long as the well produces only from the present perforated interval in the Upper Devonian.
- CASE 7459: (Continued from January 20, 1982, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Red Mountain Associates for the Amendment of Order No. R-6538, McKinley County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the amendment of Order No. R-6538, which authorized applicant to conduct waterflood operations in the Chaco Wash-Mesa Verde Oil Pool. Applicant seeks approval for the injection of water through various other wells than those originally approved, seeks deletion of the requirement for packers in injection wells, and seeks an increase in the previously authorized 68-pound limitation on injection pressure.

CASE 7410: (Continued from January 20, 1982, Examiner Hearing)

Application of B.O.A. Oil & Gas Company for two unorthodox oil well locations, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of a well to be drilled 2035 feet from the South line and 2455 feet from the East line and one to be drilled 2455 feet from the North line and 1944 feet from the East line, both in Section 31, Township 31 North, Range 15 West, Verde-Gallup Oil Pool, the NW/4 SE/4 and SW/4 NE/4, respectively, of said Section 31 to be dedicated to said wells.

CASE 7457: (Continued from January 20, 1982, Examiner Hearing)

Application of E. T. Ross for nine non-standard gas proration units, Harding County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for nine 40-acre non-standard gas proration units in the Bravo Dome Carbon Dioxide Area. In Township 19 North, Range 30 East: Section 12, the NW/4 NM/4 and NE/4 NW/4; Section 14, the NW/4 NE/4, SW/4 NE/4, and SE/4 NE/4. In Township 20 North, Range 30 East: Section 11, the NE/4 SW/4, SW/4 SE/4, SE/4 SW/4, and NW/4 SE/4.

- CASE 7482: Application of Wiser Oil Company for an unorthodox oil well location, Lea County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of an unorthodox location 1295 feet from the South line and 1345 feet from the West line of Section 32, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, Penrose-Skelly Pool.
- CASE 7483: Application of Adams Exploration Company for salt water disposal, Chaves County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dispose of produced salt water into the San Andres formation in the perforated interval from 4176 feet to 4293 feet in its Griffin Well No. 4 located in Unit A, of Section 10, Township 8 South, Range 32 East, Chaveroo-San Andres Pool.
- CASE 7462: (Continued from February 3, 1982, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Marathon Oil Company for downhole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico.

Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of the Drinkard and Blinebry production in the wellbore of its C. J. Saunders Well No. 3, located in Unit C of Section 1, Township 22 South, Range 36 East.

CASE 7474: (Continued from February 3, 1982, Examiner Rearing)

Application of Union Oil Company of California for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Strawn, Atoka and Morrow formations underlying the E/2 of Section 25, Township 19 South, Range 33 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

- CASE 7484: Application of Anadarko Production Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Atoka and Morrow formations underlying the E/2 of Section I, Township 19 South, Range 25@Zast, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- CASE 7405: Application of Berge Exploration for compulsory pooling, Chaves County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Abo
  formation underlying two 160-acre provation units, the first being the NW/4 and the second being
  the SW/4 of Section 27, Township 7 South, Range 26 East, each to be dedicated to a well to be
  drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and
  completing said wells and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs
  and charges for surervision, designation of applicant as operator of the wells and a charge for
  risk involved in drilling said wells.
- Application of MGF Oil Corporation for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests down through and including the Abo formation underlying the NE/4 NE/4 of Section 6, Township 20 South, Range 39 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- CASE 7487: Application of MGF Oil Corporation for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.

  Applicant, in the above-styled cause; seeks an order pooling all mineral interests down through and including the Abo formation underlying the SE/4 SE/4 of Section 31, Township 19 South, Range 39 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

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(b) CREATE a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for Devonian production and designated as the North King-Devonian Pool. The discovery well is Samedan Oil Corporation Speight Well No. 1 located in Unit B of Section 3, Township 13 South, Range 37 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE-37 EAST, NMPM Section 3: NE/4

(c) CREATE a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Atoka production and designated as the North Loving-Atoka Gas Pool. The discovery well is Gulf Oil Corporation Eddy GR State Well No. 1 located in Unit E of Section 16, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

> TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPH Section 12: N/2

> TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NMPM

Section 4: S/2

Section 7: All

Section 8: All

Section 9: All

Section 16: All Section 17: All

Section 18: E/2

(d) CREATE a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for Drinkard production and designated as the Teague - Drinkard Pool. The discovery well is Alpha Twenty-One Production Company Lea Well No. 1 located in Unit B of Section 17, Township 23 South, Range 37 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM Section 17: NE/4

(e) EXTEND the West Atoka-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include

TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, NMPM Section 23: All

Section 24: W/2

(f) EXTEND the Atoka-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

> TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, NMPM Section 16: W/2

(g) EXTEND the Avalon-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, NNPM Section 2: Lots 1 through 8

(h) EXTEND the Brunson-Fusselman Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

> TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM Section 5: SE/4

(i) EXTEND the Brushy Draw-Delaware Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include

TOWNSHIP 26 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM Section 26: E/2

(j) EXTEND the Buffalo Valley-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM Section 23: All Section 26: All

- CASE 7488: Application of Burkhart Petroleum Company for compulsory pooling, Roosevelt County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the San Andres formation underlying the SW/4 NW/4 of Section 13, Township 8 South, Range 37 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- CASE 7073: (Reopened and Readvertised) Case 7073 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-6558, In the matter of which order promulgated special rules for the South Elkins-Fusselman Pool in Chaves County

including provisions for 80-acre spacing units and a limiting gas-oil ratio of 3000 to one. All interested parties may appear and show cause why said pool should not be developed on 40-acre spacing units with a limiting gas-oil ratio of 2000 to one.

CASE 7074: (Reopened and Readvertised)

Case 7074 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Orders Nos. R-6565 and R-6565-B, which created the South Elkins-Fusselman Gas Pool in Chaves County. All interested parties may appear and present evidence as to the exact nature of the reservoir, and more particularly, as to the proper rate of withdrawal from the reservoir if it is determined that said pool is producing from a retrograde gas condensate reservoir.

CASE 6373: (Reopened and Readvertised)

In the matter of Case 6373 heing reopened pursuant to the provisions of Orders Nos. R-5875 and R-5875-A, which created the East High Hope - Abo Gas pool in Eddy County, and promulgated special rules therefor, including a provision for 320-acre spacing units. All interested parties may appear and show cause why said pool should not be developed on 160-acre spacing units.

- Application of Curtis J. Little for designation of a tight formation, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. CASE 7489: Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the designation of the Chacra formation underlying portions of Township 25 North, Range 6 West, containing 6,720 acres, more or less, as a tight formation pursuant to Section 107 of the Natural Gas Policy Act and 18 CFR Section 271.701-705.
- CASE 7490: Application of Harvey E. Yates Company for compulsory pooling, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests down through and including the Atoka-Morrow formation, underlying the N/2 of Section 19, Township 8 South, Range 30 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.
- CASE 7491: Application of Harvey E. Yates Company for designation of a tight formation, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the designation of the Atoka formation underlying portions of Townships 12, 13, and 14 South, Ranges 35 and 36 East, containing 46,720 acres, more or less, as a tight formation pursuant to Section 107 of the Natural Gas Policy Act and 18 CFR Section 271. 701-705, said area being an eastward and westward extension of previously approved tight formation area.
- Application of Harvey E. Yates Company for designation of a tight formation, Chaves County, New Mexico. CASE 7492: Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the designation of the Atoka-Morrow formation underlying all or portions of Townships 7, 8, and 9 South, Ranges 29,30, and 31 East, containing 115,200 acres, more or less, as a tight formation pursuant to Section 107 of the Natural Gas Policy Act and 18 CFR Section 271,701-705.
- CASE 7493: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion for an order creating and extending certain pools in Chaves, Eddy, Lea, and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico.
  - (a) CREATE a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Morrow production and designated as the East Bootleg Ridge-Morrow Gas Pool. The discovery well is Getty Oil Company Getty 15 Federal Well No. 1 located in Unit J of Section 15, Township 22 South, Range 33 East, NMPM. Said Pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM Section 15: S/2

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> (k) EXTEND the Cary-Montoya Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

> > TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM

Section 4: W/2 SW/4 Section 5: SE/4 Section 9: W/2 W/2

(1) EXTEND the Crow Flats-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico to include

TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM Section 35: E/2

Section 36: W/2

(m) EXTEND the South Culebra Bluff-Bone Spring Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NMPM Section 25: S/2 SW/4 Section 27: SW/4

(n) EXTEND the Elkins-San Andres Pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NHPM Section 21: NE/4

(o) EXTEND the Empire-Abo Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM Section 19: S/2 SW/4

(p) EXTEND the Henshaw-Queen Grayburg-San Andres Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, NMPM Section 19: NE/4 NW/4

(q) EXTEND the Indian Flats-Morrow Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NMPM

Section 26: W/2

(r) EXTEND the West Nadine-Blinebry Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 38 EAST, NMPM Section 8: NW/4

(s) EXTEND the Peterson-Mississippian Pool in Roosevelt County, New Mexico, to include

TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM Section 28: NW/4

(t) EXTEND the Race Track-San Andres Pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NMPM Section 7: S/2 SW/4

Section 18: NW/4 and N/2 SW/4 and SW/4 SW/4

(u) EXTEND the Railroad Mountain-San Andres Pool in Chaves County, New Hexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NMEM Section 2: NE/4 and E/2 NW/4

(v) EXTEND the Red Lake-Queen-Grayburg-San Andres Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NMPM Section 7: 5/2 Section 8: SW/4 Section 18: E/2 NW/4

(w) EXTEND THE West Sawyer-San Andres Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM Section 5: SW/4

(x) EXTEND the Turkey Track-Atoka Gas Pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NHPM Section 15: All

(y) EXTEND the Twin Lakes-San Andres Associated Pool in Chaves County, New Mexico, to include therein:

TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NMPM Section 13: SE/4
Section 24: NE/4

TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NMPM Section 12: S/2 NE/4

TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM Section 7: S/2 Section 8: NW/4

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Please Reply To: P.O. Box 2541

March 29, 1982

Oil Conservation Division Post Office Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

ATTN: Mr. Perry Pearce

Re:

Case No. 7492

Application for Designation of Tight Formation

Chaves County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Enclosed are two copies of the transcripts in the above referenced case, and a proposed Order for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Robert H. Strand

RHS/bjt encls

xc: Harvey E. Yates Company Minerals Management Service

Well Bore Radius $(R_{\widetilde{W}})$ - feet	.328	.328
Equivalent Liquid Rate of Test Gas Production $(Q_{RBPD})$	89.84	90.91
Shut in Time of Reservoir Build up Test - AT-minutes	d- 119	180
lope of Buildup Curve (Horner Technique)(M)psi/cycle 59		1390
Permeability $K = \frac{(162.6)(\text{Qrbpd})(\mu)}{(h)(m)}$	.081	.0022
Gas Compressibility - Cg-psia	$2.69 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.18 \times 10^{-4}$
Water Compressibility Cw-psia	$2.9 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.0 \times 10^{-6}$
Formation Compressibility Cf - psia	5.4 × 10-6	5.3 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>
Total Compressibility Ct - psia	2.1 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	1.7 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>
(Sg)(Cg)+(Sw)(Cw)+Cf = Ct		

#### Radius of Investigation During Buildup

RI = 
$$\sqrt{\frac{KT}{57600 \ (\emptyset) \ (\mu) \ (Ct)}}$$
 = Feet

4.62

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Where T is shut in time in minutes =  $\Delta T$  (Van Poolen Equation)

## Calculated Flow Rate to Atmospheric Pressure in MCFGPD (based on Ri)

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Using Darcy Radial Flow Equation  

$$qsc = \frac{.703 \text{ Kh } (Pe^2 - Psc^2)^N}{\mu TZ \cdot ln }$$

Ray F. Nokes Reservoir Engineer Harvey E. Yates Company March 1, 1982

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Re:

Exhibits

Atoka-Morrow Tight Formation Chaves County, New Mexico

Case >492

OIL CONSCINATION UNISION SANTA FE

Dear Perry:

As we discussed by telephone this morning, enclosed are the Exhibits we plan to present at the hearing on the above referenced matter scheduled for March 16, 1982.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Yours truly,

Robert H. Strand

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February 22, 1982

Oil Conservation Division Post Office Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

ATTN: Mr. Richard Stamets

Re:

Application of Harvey E. Yates Designation of Tight Formation Chaves County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Stamets:

Enclosed for filing is an original and two copies of the Application of Harvey E. Yates Company in the above referenced matter. This case has previously been set for hearing on the March 16, 1982 Docket.

Sincerely yours,

Robert H. Strand

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ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF HARVEY E. YATES COMPANY FOR DESIGNATION OF A TIGHT FORMATION CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Case No.

#### APPLICATION

COMES NOW HARVEY E. YATES COMPANY by its attorney and respectfully states:

 Applicant is the owner of an interest in the Atoka-Morrow Formation underlying the following described lands situated in Chaves County, New Mexico:

Township 7 South, Range 28 East, NMPM Sections: 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, 36

Township 7 South, Range 29 East, NMPM Sections: 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36

Township 8 South, Range 28 East, NMPM Sections: 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, 36

Township 8 South, Range 29 East, NMPM Sections: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36

Township 9 South, Range 28 East, NMPM Sections: 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

Township 9 South, Range 29 East, NMPM Sections: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18

Township 7 South, Range 30 East, NMPM Sections: 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36

Township 8 South, Range 30 East, NMPM
Sections: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10,
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35, 36

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Sections: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10,
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27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34,
35, 36

Township 9 South, Range 31 East, NMPM Sections: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18

Containing a total of 151,280 acres, more or less.

- 2. The Atoka-Morrow formation underlying the above described lands is expected to have an estimated average <u>in</u>

  <u>situ</u> gas permeability throughout the pay section of less than 0.1 millidarcy.
- 3. The stabilized production rate, against atmospheric pressure of wells completed for pdocution in said formation, without stimulation, is not expected to exceed the production levels set out in 18 C.F.R. \$271.703(c)(2)(B).
- 4. No well drilled into said formation is expected to produce, without stimulation, more than five barrels of crude oil per day.

WHEREFORE, applicant prays:

- That this application be set for hearing before an examiner, and that notice of said hearing be given as required by law.
- That upon such hearing, the Division enter its order В. recommending to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that pursuant to 18 CFR, Section 271.701-705, the Atoka-Morrow formation underlying the above described lands be designated a tight formation.
- For such further relief as the Division deems just c. and proper.

DATED this 22.1 day of February, 1982.

HARVEY E. YATES COMPANY

By:

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Case 7492

January 27, 1982

Oil Conservation Division Post Office Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

ATTN: Mr. Richard Stamets

Re:

Application of Harvey E. Yates Designation of Tight Formation Chaves County, New Mexico

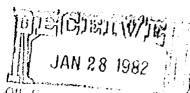
Dear Mr. Stamets:

Enclosed for filing is an original and two copies of the Application of Harvey E. Yates Company in the above referenced matter. This case has previously been set for hearing on the February 17, 1982 Docket.

Sincerely yours,

Robert H. Strand

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### BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

#### ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT

OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF HARVEY E. YATES COMPANY FOR DESIGNATION OF A TIGHT FORMATION CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

#### APPLICATION

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Township 7 South, Range 30 East, NMPM Sections 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36

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29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36

Township 9 South, Range 30 East, NMPM Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18

Township 7 South, Range 31 East, NMPM Sections 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36 Township 8 South, Range 31 East, NMPM
Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10,
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20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28,
29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36

Township 9 South, Range 31 East, NMPM Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18

Containing a total of 115, 200 acres, more or less.

- 2. The Atoka-Morrow formation underlying the above described lands is expected to have an estimated average <u>in situ</u> gas permeability throughout the pay section of less than 0.1 millidarcy.
- 3. The stabilized production rate, against atmospheric pressure of wells completed for production in said formation, without stimulation, is not expected to exceed the production levels set out in 18 C.F.R. §271.703 (c) (2) (B).
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WHEREFORE, applicant prays:

- A. That this application be set for hearing before an examiner, and that notice of said hearing be given as required by law.
- B. That upon such hearing, the Division enter its order recommending to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that pursuant to 18 CFR, Section 271.701-705, the Atoka-Morrow formation underlying the above described lands be designated a tight formation.
- C. For such further relief as the Division deems just and proper.

DATED this 27th day of January, 1982.

HARVEY E. YATES COMPANY

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# Memo

From

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ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

To called in la, Bob Hound

Case 7492

Amended description of lands

Chower County

T 75, R 28E - Sections 22 thru 36

T 75, R 29E - Sections 19 thru 36

T 75, R 3/E - Sections 19 thru 36

T 85, R 29E - Sections 1 thru 3, 10

thru 15, 22 thru 27, 34 thru 36

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Harvey E. Yates Company Wesignation of Fight Formation atoka-Morrow Chaves 115,200 acres

T75, R29E

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T85, R 70E T95, R31E

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 Township 8 South, Range 29 East, NMPM Sections: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36
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Township 9 South, Range 30 Rast, NMPM Sections: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18
Township 7 South, Range 31 East, NMPM Sections: 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, 30 31 32, 33
Township 8 South, Range 31 East, NMPM Sections: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33
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Containing a total of 138, 240 acres, more or less

Township 9 South, Range 31 East, NMPM Sections: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 16, 17, 18

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- (3) That the Atoka-Morrow formation underlies all of the above described lands, that the formation consists of shales interspersed with lime and sand sections; that the top of such formation is found at an average depth of 8,100 feet below the surface of the area set out in Pinding No. (2) above; and that the thickness of such formation is from 91 to 895 feet within said area.
- (4) That the type section for the Atoka-Morrow formation for the proposed tight formation designation is found at a depth of from approximately 8,510 feet to 8,800 feet on the Compensated Neutron Density log dated October 4, 1977, from the Texas Oil and Gas Company B No. 1 Well located in Unit N of Section 2, Township 9 South, Range 29 East, Chaves County, New Mexico.
- (5) That the following wells produce or have produced natural gas from the Atoka-Morrow formation within the proposed area:

Texas Oil & Gas Company O'Brien B #1

660 feet from South line and 1980 feet from West line of Section 2, Township 9 South, Range 29 East, N.M.P.M., Chaves County, New Mexico.

Texas Oil & Gas Company O'Brien C #1

1980 feet from West line and 1980 feet from South line of Section 11, Township 9 South, Range 29 East, N.M.P.M., Chaves County, New Mexico.

Texas Oil & Gas Company O'Brien A #1

1980 feet from East line and 660 feet from North line of Section 14, Town-ship 9 South, Range 29 East, N.M.P.M., Chaves County, New Mexico.

Texas Oil & Gas Company O'Brien #1

1980 feet from South line and 660 feet from East line of Section 11, Township 9 South, Range 29 East, N.M.P.M., Chaves County, New Mexico.

Amoco Production Company State JA #1 1980 feet from North line and 1980 feet from West line of Section 36, Township 8 South, Range 29 East, N.M.P.M., Chaves County, New Mexico.

General American Oil Company of Texas GAO State #1 2206 feet from North line and 660 feet from East line of Section 36, Township 7 South, Range 28 East, N.M.P.M., Chaves County, New Mexico.

Stevens Operating Corporation O'Brien C #4

1980 feet from South line and 745 feet from West line of Section 1, Township 9 South, Range 28 East, N.M.P.M., Chaves County, New Mexico.

- (6) That the Atoka-Morrow formation underlying the above described lands has been penetrated by several other wells, none of which produced natural gas in commercial quantities from said formation.
- (7) That the evidence presented in this case demonstrated that no well formerly or currently completed in the Atoka-Morrow formation within the proposed area exhibited permeability, gas productivity, or crude oil productivity in excess of the following parameters:
  - (a) average in situ gas permeability throughout the pay section of 0.1 millidarcy; and
  - (b) stabilized production rates, without stimulation, against atmospheric pressure, as found in the table set out in 18 C.F.R. §271.703(c)(2)(B) of the regulations; and
  - (c) production of more than five barrels of crude oil per day.
- (8) That based on analysis of available data from existing wells within the proposed area and utilizing generally and customarily accepted petroleum engineering techniques and measurements:
  - The estimated average in situ gas permeability throughout the pay section of the Atoka-Morrow formation is expected to be 0.1 millidarcy or less; and
  - (b) The stabilized production rate, against atmospheric pressure, of wells completed for production in the Atoka-Morrow formation, without stimulation, is not expected to exceed production levels determined by reference to well depth, as found in the table set out in 18 C.F.R. §271.703(c)(2)(B) of the regulations; and
  - (c) No well drilled into the formation is expected to produce, without stimulation, more than five barrels of crude oil per day.
- (9) That within the proposed area there is a recognized water aquifer, being the Triassic Sands, found at depths of from 100 feet to 400 feet.

- (10) That existing State of New Mexico and Federal Regulations relating to casing and cementing of wells will assure that development of the Atoka-Morrow foramtion will not adversely affect said water zones.
- (11) That the Atoka-Morrow forantion, or any portion thereof, as described herein, is not currently being developed by infill drilling as defined in 18 C.F.R. \$271.703(b)(6) of the regulations.
- (12) That the Atoka-Morrow formation within the proposed area should be recommended to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for designation as a tight formation.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That it be and hereby is recommended to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission pursuant to Section 106 of the on the hed to This Older Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978, and 18 C.F.R. \$271.703 of the regulations that the Atoka-Morrow formation underlying the following described lands in Chaves County, New Mexico, be designated as a tight formation.

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Township 7 South, Range 28 East, NMPM Sections: 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, 36
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31, 32, 33 Township \$ Sections: Township 9 South, Range 31 East, NIPM Sections: 4, 5/6, 7, 8, 9, 16, 17, 6, 7, 8, Containing a total of 138, 240 acres more or less.

(2) That jurisdiction of this cause is hereby retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Pe, New Mexico, on the day and year herein-above described.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

JOE D. RAMEY Director

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Township of South, Range 28 East, NMPM Section 22 through 27: 17/1 Section 34 through 36: 17/1 Section 19 through 36: 711 Township & 7 South, Range 30 Cost, NMPM Section 19 through 36 6 711 Township 7 South, Range 3/Cost, NMPM Section 19 through 21: All " 28 through 33: All Township 8 South, Range 28 Cast, NMPM Section 1 through 3: 17/1 " 22 " 27: 1911 34 " 36: A11 Township 8 South, Runge 29 East, NMPM Section 1 Through 36: 1711 Township 850 4th, Range 30 East, NMPH Section Whrough 36: 17/1 Vown ship 8 South, Bange 3/ East, NMPM Section 4 Through 9: All 28 " 33: All

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Exhibit "A"
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